

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, December 7, 2021)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of November 30, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Proposed ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production and to delete the current uses of Distillery, Winery, and Farm Brewery.

Present: William B. Hunt, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Notice of the Public Hearing was published on November 19, 2021, and November 26, 2021. This public hearing was for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, by deleting Distillery, Winery, and Farm Brewery uses and standards; adding Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production uses, allowable zones, and standards; deleting the definitions of Distillery, Farm Brewery, and Winery; adding the new definitions of Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production, Alcoholic Beverage Production, and Tasting Room; and amending Parking Standards and Loading Space Group Reference Schedule 64.3.1 for Agricultural Alcohol Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production.

Commissioner President Guy requested Dr. Bridgett provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Barbara Sopato, 44980 Hamptons Blvd, #317, Leonardtown, MD
Les & Erin Melanson 26781 Laurel Grove Road, Mechanicsville, MD
Janna Howley, 1783 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD
Amelia A. Farrell, 39650 Compton St., Leonardtown, MD

Dr. Bridgett closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 9:32 a.m.

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2021 Audit Report

I move to accept the report of the Independent Auditor on the Financial Statements of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for fiscal year 2021 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2021, AND JANUARY 4, 2022. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on December 21 and 28, 2021.

B. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Additional Holiday Leave

I move to approve a resolution providing County employees with additional holiday leave to be utilized on December 23rd and 30th, 2021, or as floating holiday leave for employees required to work on these dates; and approve June 19th, (Juneteenth National Independence Day) as an Official County holiday.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Legislative Bond Grant

I move to approve the continuation of the Legislative Bond Grant application in the amount of \$150,000 for the Sports Complex and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Governor's Office for Children-Community Partnership Agreement for FY22 Local Management Board & Sub-Recipient

I move to approve the FY2022 Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) and Appendices A & B and authorize the LMB Chair to sign the document for projects from the Governor's Office for Children in the amount of \$448,657 State Funds, and \$1,102 County Funds for a total of \$429,759; approve the sub-recipient agreements between the County and St. Mary's County Public Schools, Center for Children and Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of the Older Americans Act Notice of Grant Award

I move to approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of the Older Americans Act (OAA) Notice of Grant Award for five Title III projects #US2252, US2253, US2254, US2255 and US2258, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$335,690, the five budget amendments to establish budget authority to support additional funding to aide in pandemic recovery authorized by the Older Americans Act, and authorize Commissioner President to execute related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Non- Public School Bus Driver Retention Stipends and Maintenance Reimbursement Increase

I move to approve the Non-Public School Bus driver retention stipend for FY2022 in the amount of \$227,700 to be paid in December 2021 and June 2022 and the O&M Maintenance Factor

increase of \$33,194 in FY2022 to keep pay equality between public and non-public school bus systems in St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related Budget Amendments ensuring no duplication.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - FY2022 St. Mary's Transit System- STS Capital Grant Agreement

I move to approve the FY2022 Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT/MTA) Capital Grant Agreement for the St. Mary's Transit System (STS) programs in the amount of \$311,445; authorize the DPW&T Director to submit the Grant Agreement electronically; approve the related budget amendments to realign Federal and Local funding, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - FY2021 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities grant application

I move to approve the Department of Public Works and Transportation to submit the FY2021 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities grant application electronically and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - STS American Rescue Plan - Additional Funds Application

I move to approve the Department of Public Works and Transportation to submit the American Rescue Plan – Additional Assistance Funding grant application for the St. Mary's County Transit System and authorize President Commissioner Guy to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel, Real Property, and Litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Diane Gleisner, Coordinator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:41 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss appointments to Boards and Commissions

B. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:04 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for a case in litigation

C. REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Colvin recused himself.

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:11 a.m. - 11:16 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss the disposition of real property

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to approve the Maryland Participation Agreements as advised by legal counsel, Bruce Poole, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:19 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on December 14, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator